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## Fresh protests as prophet cartoons fuel Muslim fury

PARIS (AFP) - As protests again erupted across the Muslim world yesterday over an anti-Islam film, a French magazine poured fuel on the fire by publishing obscene cartoons depicting the Prophet Mohammed.

France braced for a backlash over the caricatures, stepping up security at its embassies and banning demonstrations on its own soil as senior officials and Muslim leaders appealed for calm.

Paris said that on Friday, the Muslim day of prayer, it would shutter its diplomatic missions, cultural centers and French schools in around 20 Muslim countries for fear of violent protests.

More than 30 people have been killed in attacks and violent protests linked to the film "Innocence of Muslims", including 12 people who died in an attack by a female suicide bomber in Afghanistan on Tuesday.

The crudely made film -- which was produced by US-based extremist Christians and depicts the Prophet as a thugish womaniser -- has triggered protests in at least 20 countries since excerpts were posted online.



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## Cardiology Intervention to be reality on Aruba



Last Tuesday, September 11th, the government of Aruba signed a protocol with AZV having to do with an cardiology intervention project. The primary goal of the protocol with AZV, according to the Minister of Public Health, is to unite all the stakeholders to the project along with all the Cardiologists, namely, Dr. C.F. Lacle, Dr. J.C.J. van Leeuwen, Dr. J.D. Cheng, and Dr. S.J.J. Fingal. Also, part of the team are: De Stichting Ziekenverpleging Aruba, Dr. J.R. Falconi, Dr.T. De Kool, members of the Board of Directors, Minister of Public Health, and Dr. A.R.O. Ringeling and R.I. Kan of the AZV.

All parties will do their utmost to form a center for cardiology intervention in Aruba as a new vision for the benefit and wellbeing of our people. The Dr. Horacio Oduber Hospital will be completely responsible for the management of the center while guaranteeing the contribution of our Cardiologists. The Hospital will be responsible for creating a relationship of partnership with a renowned international center

of cardiology intervention.

Our Cardiologists will promote the optimal use of the care and will ensure the need for using cardiology intervention. They will work in conformity with international rules and the accepted standards of quality. Cardiology intervention will be practiced only in the Intervention center.

The protocol contains a long list of requirements, obligations and particulars related to the operation of such a Cardiology Intervention Center.

With such a Center here on

Aruba, we can now do cardiology intervention realistically and responsibly. Thus far, we have been diagnosing, but now we can actually treat as well, like placing "stents" for example. This will definitely benefit our people and at the same time reduce the cost for AZV. Many patients will no longer need to go abroad for certain heart treatments. The participation of the Hospital in this cardiology project is of vital importance, according to the government.

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## Aruba is now official member of PAHO

## Green Corridor promises to beautify Aruba's panorama



ORANJESTAD -- Currently, an important meeting is being held in Washington DC which includes the participation of Ministers of Health of the American continent and the Caribbean. The purpose of this meeting is to analyze the politics of the health of the region within the context of the Sanitary Pan-American Conference on Health convened by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), also known as the Organización Pan-Americana de Salud.

During the first session of the meetings of PAHO they cast votes for new members. Members present at the 28th Pan American Sanitary Conference of PAHO and at the 64th Regional Session voted in favor of Aruba, Curacao and

Sint Maarten.

Aruba's Minister of Public Health is in attendance at this meeting in Washington DC and upon receiving the positive vote for Aruba to become a member, he remarked... "Today is a new beginning for Aruba." He acknowledged the efforts made by PAHO Director, Dr. Mirta Roses Periago and Dr. Socorro Gross Galiano.

Visser remarked, "For many years we have been working on this platform which came about because of necessity: the necessity to have a working relationship with the Caribbean Universal Care which is something stable, but with the imminent threat of chronic diseases and obesity."

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The Green Corridor project appears to be a very important project for the government of Aruba, reason why they are pushing hard to get it going. The project entails a major expansion of the main highway from the Beatrix Airport to the rotunda at Pos Chiquito, where it will change from being a one lane road to double lanes for a distance of more or less 8 kilometers.

This expansion of road is intended to handle the increased flow of traffic in the area mentioned, especially after the move of the wharf from Barcadera when the traf-

fic is expected to become even heavier. The government is so intent on getting this project moving, that they met with construction companies to discuss the possibility for forming a national alliance and for even considering not going on their usual end of the year vacation in December.

Actually, the Green Corridor is a combination of two projects, the other being the "Ringweg 3." Originally the plan was to bring the traffic up to the Pos Chiquito rotunda, then to divert into green zones near the National Park to reach San Nicolas. That plan was disapproved

by experts who advised instead to make the traffic at the rotunda in front of the airport go up to the Pos Chiquito rotunda and from there to improve the three main roads entering San Nicolas. This, they are convinced, will enable them to accomplish the same goal but with an improvement in the barrios in San Nicolas. It will also mean repairing the roads, placing sidewalks, parks and a cycle track for bikers going to San Nicolas, the new bridge, etc.

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## Customs officials announces changes in import regulations for visiting pleasure craft

ORANJESTAD -- Due to the large number of sailboats visiting Aruban shores, the *Douane*, or Customs, remind their owners of certain conditions and regulations governing their stay on Aruba. On October 1, 2012, a new regulation requiring the boat or plane to be declared to customs will be enforced. This applies to boats of no less than 14 meters. If the yacht will stay in Aruban waters no more than 180 days, then a temporary import permit must be acquired; this does not require a deposit. If it stays longer, up to one year, a temporary import permit must be applied for with payment of a deposit (or a bank guarantee) for the value of the duties on the yacht. Any stay longer than a year will categorize the yacht as an import and duties must be paid. Once a temporary permit has expired, the yacht must leave Aruban waters for no less than 15 days before another permit can be obtained. These time allotments are more in keeping with the immigration



regulations of DIMAS, which allows visitors to stay on Aruba as a non-resident with "tourist" status, for 180 days over a one year period.

By definition, a boat or plane registered as a "private pleasure craft" is prohibited from providing passage or trips for any sort of remuneration or profit. This also prohibits the rental of said craft to another individual to be used for profit or commercial purposes. Peripheral items and accoutrements, such as fuel, are exempt from duties, as long as they are integrated into the system and necessary for its operation.

Extra containers of fuel or large quantities of spare parts will be subject to import duties.

Yacht clubs, which allow their members or visitors to store their boats or parts, may apply to Customs for qualification as operating an open warehouse. If Customs deems they meet the requirements, with boat and goods stored with the stipulation of them moving on to another destination, Customs will then issue the permits.

A temporary import document is a simplified customs document that relates to a private air-or pleasure vessel which serves as a guarantee or deposit of import duty and any other taxes. The necessary information is available at the ports Customs authority, call 583-1286 for information and to obtain a form.

Permanent legal residents of Aruba are not eligible for exception from import fees on aircraft or boats. Aircraft or boats brought to Aruba with the intention to sell them must pay import duties.

## Part of L.G. Smith Blvd temporarily closed

ORANJESTAD -- The Department of Public Works announces that this Friday, September 21, part of the L.G. Smith Boulevard that is in front of the entrance of the harbor and next to the ex-DOW building will be temporarily closed. The road will be closed completely for all traffic in both directions due to installation of the rails of said section of the road. DOW will also repair the road after

installing the rails. The installation and repair works will last 4 days.

All traffic going to and coming from the hotels will be diverted via the Weststraat, Arendsstraat and Paardenbaaistraat. There will be traffic signs and barricades to indicate the traffic changes. Department of Public Works apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause

## Green Corridor promises...

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The roads to be repaired in the process will be: Jara, Savaneta, Sero Alejandro, Rooi Koochi, Mabon, Weg Seroe Blanco and Weg Fontein to San Nicolas. The other section is on the seaside, running from Isla di Oro, south of Savaneta, Noord Cura Cabaai and Zeewijk to reach San Nicolas. This will be an expansion of 5KM and a renovation of approximately 23 Km of existing roads. At the same time they will construct a road to connect with the new free zone at Barcadera where the wharf will be moved to.

This will connect with the Green Corridor and hookup to the "Ringweg 3" to take traffic to the hotel area.

The government has calculated that the Green Corridor and the "Ringweg" will be essential for the more or less 70% of all containers traveling to the hotels. Without the "Ringweg 3" this will become a real problem to move this much traffic on the Boulevard. The "Ringweg 3" is destined to pass behind Codemsa, San Barbola, and Tanki Leendert towards the hotels.



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Public Health on Aruba was put on high priority, with the rebirth of PAHO playing a significant and crucial role. Aruba's fight against childhood obesity and chronic diseases, which is impacting our region and continent, has caused us to work on a new structure."

The document, "The Aruba Call to Action," regarding obesity which came out of the PACO I Conference, opened the way for us to get to the United Nations. There we had the honor of speaking on behalf

of the Dutch Kingdom. The Minister also indicated that the countries forming part of the Dutch Kingdom considers it an honor to be part of PAHO and to be able to increase their participation in PAHO.

The Minister assured the members that we will continue to participate as Dutch Kingdom, yet every country will be autonomous. Aruba, Curacao and St. Maarten will become partners with PAHO in accordance with the conditions and procedures required of each

member.

The Minister thanked the director and representatives of each country present and accepted Aruba's membership into the prestigious organization.

During the same session they will be electing a new director to replace Dr. Mirta Roses Periago who has been serving as director since 2003. The newly elected director will assume position on February 1st, 2013 and will lead the organization for a five year tenure.

## Ban: Syrian rivals determined to fight to 'the end'

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - UN leader Ban Ki-moon said yesterday that President Bashar al-Assad and the Syrian opposition were determined to fight to the end, but renewed appeals for political dialogue.

Ban told a press conference it was "troubling" that 18

months into the uprising against Assad there was no solution in sight.

"Unfortunately both sides, government and opposition forces seem to be determined to see the end by military means," the UN secretary general said. "I think military means will not bring an an-

swer," he added calling for "political dialogue reflecting the genuine aspirations and will" of the Syrian people.

Ban said that UN-Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi may put a plan to the Syrian government after talks at the UN headquarters in New York next week.

## Local wine maker committed to producing great wines



Just recently an Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) team visited the home of Aruban Vicente Kock, known as Aruba's great wine producer. During this visit they were able to sense something of the dedication of Vicente Kock to produce the best quality wine, made with love and lots of passion. Vicente also has a real passion for creating friendships with our visitors to the island. It was for this reason that Vicente was chosen to form part of ATA's "My Commitment" local tourism promotion campaign.

Walking amidst his grapevine, Vicente Kock talked about the different grape vines growing in his garden, which over the past 30 years he converted into a real vineyard. He produces about 400 bottles of organic wine every year with the help of his friend Coby who helps take care of the vines.

Vicente frequently invites both locals and tourists to his home in Sombre to visit his vineyard which he calls "Vino Vince."

Some of his visitors are people simply looking for local products or experiences and to experience something different and real Aruban. But, he also gets owners of vineyards from the USA who come out of curiosity to see how he does it, how he cultivates his vines and how he produces his organic wines without pesticides, or ar-

tificial fertilizers and without sulfides.

Many years ago Vicente met a frequent visitor to Aruba, Mr. Greenberg, who actually introduced him to the hobby of wine making. From Greenberg he received a wine making starter kit and from there he began to expand his knowledge and become the professional he is today.

Vicente is committed to protecting the environment and the Aruban nature. He maintains his trees totally chemical-free, his wine bottles he collects from various persons, which are then recycled. The corks he uses are imported because he wants to be sure he uses a good product.

Everyone knows Vicente as a warm hospitable person, a natural Aruban. He has always had a commitment to our people, our tourism and he continues to promote that welcome spirit with his typical friendly smile. Vicente mentioned that most recently he received a very nice compliment from a tourist who visited his home. The tourist said to him..."You are a great ambassador for your island."

Visitors to Aruba more and more are looking for local experiences, hence the reason for being familiar with stories like that of Vicente Kock's so that we can share these with our visitors.

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# The Campaign has begun



## The Grand Prize of the "Coca - Cola Green Dreams" Campaign: a Toyota Prius C Hybrid

Yesterday, September 19th, Coca-Cola kicked off their Green Dream Campaign. They have partnered with 12 respected vendors to offer the community thousands of fabulous prizes and offers.

For the coming 14 weeks look for green caps on 20oz and 2 liter bottles of Coca-Cola, Coke Zero, Diet Coke, Sprite and Sprite. Inside each cap is a great prize.

Coca-Cola is working with **Garage Cordia Toyota Prius C Hybrid, Setar NV, The Cinemas, CMB, Domino's Pizza, Subway, Starbucks, Indulgence by**

**the Sea, Red Sail Sports, Aquarius Restaurant, Kooyman and Renaissance Market Place.** Under the caps is a logo of one of the participating companies, to be redeemed at the respective vendors.

The prizes are the following:

**The Grand Prize:** a Toyota Prius C Hybrid from Garage Cordia. Under 20 green caps is the Toyota logo. The 20 who find this cap can participate to win a Toyota Prius C Hybrid. The drawing will be on December 28, 2012, the final night of the Coca-Cola Green Dreams campaign.

Caps marked Dominos Pizza 1 win Parmesan Bread Bites, Domino's Pizza 2, prize is 1 Stuffed Cheesy Bread and the green cap marked Domino's Pizza 3 wins a Medium 1 topping Pizza.

For each green cap marked Red Sail Sports 1 win a snorkel trip for one person and for each green cap Red Sail Sports 2, win a Sunset Sail for one person.

Setar 1 caps win a PrePaid Card of Afl. 5,00; Setar 2: a PrePaid card of Afl. 10,00; Setar 3: a PrePaid card di Afl. 15,00; Setar 4: the special prize a Motorola Spice XT316 smartphone.

CMB cap 1 awards a Kompa Leon money card of Afl. 500,00; CMB 2: Kompa

Leon worth Afl. 2500,00.

From the Cinemas win a movie ticket; or one medium Soft Drink or one medium popcorn.

Indulgence by the Sea caps win their famous Citrus-C manicure.

Starbucks will have monthly specials that can be redeemed for green caps. The specials will be in the newspapers and on display at Starbucks.

Kooyman is giving away an LED flashlight.

Subway offers their Fresh Fit sandwich for each green cap with their logo. The Fresh Fit sandwich consist of different choices, such as black forest ham, turkey breast, turkey breast & black forest ham, roastbeef, veggie delite, sweet onion chicken teriyaki, chicken breast, and the subway club.

Aquarius Restaurant's awards a dinner buffet.

Renaissance Market Place has a variation of prizes, such as: lunch for 2 Hung Paradise, dinner for 2 at Sushi Ya, dinner for 2 at Café the Plaza, 2 gift certificates worth Afl. 50,00 of City Fashion, different gift certificates of Renaissance Market Place worth Afl. 50,00 and Sun Specs are also offering gift certificates with a special gift certificate for the winner of the Toyota Prius C Hybrid in December.

Green caps will also award prizes of FREE 20 OZ.

COKE and FREE 2L COKE.

This means one can turn in the "FREE 20 oz Coke" or "FREE 2L Coke" caps at any establishment selling Coke 20 oz or 2L Coke, and get

these for FREE.

The Coca-Cola Green Campaign will be finish Friday, December 28, 2012. The final night of the campaign will include the drawing for the Toyota Prius C Hybrid courtesy. Toyota logo caps should be redeemed at Garage Cordia for a participation form; possible winner might want to try view the 'the grand prize' or take a test drive at that time.

In every establishment of the participating partners of the Coca-Cola Green Dreams campaign there will be posters on display, explaining the different prizes to be won and which can be claimed at the participating companies.

Every month Coca-Cola will also have a TV program on Tele Aruba giving information and updates on the campaign. The "Coca-Cola Green Dream Show" will be aired on Tele Aruba 7:30 p.m. on October 15, November 12 and December 10.

The public is advised to pick up their favorite newspapers to keep well-informed of the Coca-Cola Green Dreams prizes.

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## French mag hands over topless Kate pics after ruling

PARIS (AFP) - The French magazine that published topless photos of Prince William's wife Catherine handed over files with the images yesterday to the couple's representatives, a source close to the matter said.

The files were handed over after a French court on Tuesday ordered Closer magazine to present all forms of the pictures to the British royals within 24 hours or face a 10,000-euro (\$13,000) fine for every day's delay.

Closer has said it does not own the images and simply bought them for exclusive first use, so it likely does not possess all the original files. It has refused to say from whom it bought them and who the photographer is.

A Swedish celebrity magazine meanwhile published the controversial pictures yesterday, a day before its Danish sister magazine was to do the

same.

The Swedish magazine Se och Hoer splashed 11 pictures, taken during the couple's vacation in southern France several weeks ago, over three pages.

It was the fourth publication to print the paparazzi snaps which have outraged the British royal family, whose lawyers obtained a civil injunction and sought criminal charges in Paris in a bid to curb their spread.

French authorities on Tuesday banned Closer from any further distribution of the pictures and began a criminal probe into how they were obtained.

As well as ordering the magazine to hand over all forms of the pictures, the injunction also bans Closer from reusing them in print or on its website and re-selling them on pain of further 10,000-euro fines for each infringement.

## US authorities botched Mexico gun-running probe

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US authorities erred badly in probing a disastrous gun-running operation into Mexico, a government inspector said yesterday in a report that nonetheless cleared Attorney General Eric Holder.

The 2009-2010 operation was named Fast and Furious, after the series of Hollywood action movies, and its aim was to track weapons purchased by bogus buyers in Arizona and smuggled to drug cartels in Mexico.

But many of the guns went missing, and two were later found at the murder scene of a US border patrol agent.

Back in June the Republican-controlled House of Representatives took the historic and controversial step of holding Holder in contempt over the gun-tracking operation and his refusal to turn over requested documents.

It wanted to know if there was a cover up of the opera-



tion, but the Obama administration cited "executive privilege" in declaring the documents protected.

The report released yesterday by the Justice Department's inspector general Michael Horowitz "details a pattern of serious failures" by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the US Attorney's office for the district of Arizona in their investigation of what went wrong in Fast and Furious.

But the inspector said he found "no evidence that Attorney General Holder was informed about Operation Fast

and Furious, or learned about the tactics employed by ATF in the investigation, prior to January 31, 2011."

Still, Horowitz was scathing with those who did run the operation.

"Operation Fast and Furious received little or no supervision by ATF Headquarters, despite its

connection to a dangerous narcotics cartel in Mexico, the serious risk it created to public safety in the United States and Mexico, and its potential impact on the country's relationship with Mexico," the report stated.

Authorities in the ATF and the US attorney's office in Arizona who designed, implemented or supervised Fast and Furious will be reviewed and possibly punished, Holder said in a statement after the inspector's report came out.

He also accepted the resignation of a deputy assistant attorney general.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Filipino street kid, 13, wins \$130,000 peace prize

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A young Filipino who lived off a rubbish dump and slept in an open tomb has won a prestigious children's award in the Netherlands for his work to improve the rights of his fellow street kids.

Cris "Kesz" Valdez, aged 13, was handed this year's International Children's Peace Prize at a glittering ceremony in The Hague yesteryday, where he received a 100,000 euro (\$130,000) prize.

Valdez was chosen from three finalists for the work of his "Championing Community Children" charity which raises funds to hand out gift parcels to needy children in Cavite

City, about 30 kilometers (18 miles) south of the capital Manila.

"You are wonderful," Nobel Peace laureate Desmond Tutu, who handed over this year's prize, told Valdez at a press conference shortly after the ceremony, held in The Hague's historic Knight's Hall.

"My message to children around the world is not to lose hope" and to remember things like hygiene, said Valdez, who added that the prize would help him get an education and perhaps realise his dream of becoming a doctor.

Through his charity, Valdez has handed out more than 5,000 gifts to destitute children

that included everyday articles like flip-flops, toys, sweets and clothes, said the KidsRights Foundation, the prize's initiator.

In all, he has helped some 10,000 children in his area on health, hygiene and children's rights, the foundation added.

Some 246,000 street children are, like Valdez was as a young child, subjected to abuse, violence and child labour in the Philippines, it said.

Asked about the prize money, KidsRights Foundation chairman Marc Dullaert said a committee was now to decide, together with Valdez, to which projects it would be donated.

## Fresh protests as prophet cartoons...

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In Pakistan, around 1,000 students from the fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami party took to the streets in the eastern city of Lahore yesterday, chanting anti-US slogans and burning the American flag.

A similar number demonstrated in Karachi, torching an effigy of US President Barack Obama, while in Islamabad, around 500 lawyers burst into the capital's diplomatic enclave, chanting anti-American

slogans and castigating the government for not taking strong action against the film.

The Pakistan government --declared Friday a national holiday in honour of Mohammed, in a sudden announcement made after religious parties had called for a day of protest.

In neighbouring Afghanistan, about 1,000 protesters took to the streets while Indonesia saw hundreds of protesters tear up the American flag and throw eggs at the US embassy in the capital Jakarta.

In reaction to the uproar, the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo published cartoons mocking the film and caricaturing the Muslim prophet, including two drawings showing him naked.

The magazine's website was put out of action by a cyber-attack Wednesday. Riot police were deployed outside the magazine's Paris offices.

Al-Azhar, Sunni Islam's highest authority, condemned

the publication of cartoons, while the Vatican's official daily Osservatore Romano said that the satirical images could throw "fuel on the fire".

Charlie Hebdo's editor, Stephane Charbonnier, described those getting irate over the cartoons as "ridiculous clowns" and accused the government of pandering to them by criticising him for being provocative.

The left-wing publication's offices were firebombed last year after it published an edition "guest-edited by Mohammed" that it called Sharia Hebdo.

French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said anyone offended by the cartoons could go to court, but he also stressed that in France "freedom of expression is guaranteed, including the freedom to caricature".

Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said he feared a backlash over the cartoons and announced Friday's embassy and school closures.



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## FARC leader rejects peace process deadline

BOGOTA (AFP) - The leader of Colombia's FARC rebel group said yesterday peace negotiations with the government would not be bound by a deadline despite President Juan Manuel Santos insistence they be concluded within months.

The rebel leader, whose real name is Rodrigo Londoño but is better known as Timoleon Jiménez or "Timoshenko," expressed his "high hopes" of ending to the half-century-old conflict and said the FARC was ready to disarm at the end of the process.

However, in an interview published on Colombia's communist party website, he criticized Santos for insisting that

the talks -- the first in a decade -- conclude "within months."

"It's an expectation that he generated himself, contrary to what was agreed to in the letter and spirit of the exploratory meeting," Timoshenko said, referring to the discussions in Havana that paved the way for the peace talks.

"It was agreed there would be no deadline, or even the use of the word 'month'," he emphasized.

The peace talks are supposed to open October 8 in Oslo and then continue in Cuba.

The FARC leader said the agreement to resume negotiations took two years of secret

talks in Cuba -- "even though we thought at the beginning it would be only a question of weeks."

A one-time medical student who went underground in the 1980s, Timoshenko assumed control of the guerrilla group last November.

He said the rebels are coming to the negotiation table with "the idea that the process will be successful."

Timoshenko also confirmed that the rebels intend to reach an agreement "to lay down their weapons," and lamented the lack of a ceasefire, saying it is a shame authorities "chose to lead talks in the middle of a conflict."

## Mexico deadly gas plant fire called 'unusual accident'

REYNOSA (AFP) - The Mexican gas plant fire and explosion that left 26 people dead near the US border was an "unusual accident," state-run energy firm Pemex said yesterday, ruling out foul play.

Another 28 workers were injured while seven remained missing following Tuesday's fire at the Pemex gas reception and distribution center near the border city of Reynosa.

"We have no evidence that it was a deliberate incident, or some kind of attack," Pemex director Juan Jose Suarez told reporters. "All the evidence points to an unusual accident."

Pemex pipelines have been targeted by fuel thieves in the past, causing leaks and in one case a deadly blast in 2010.

President Felipe Calderon ordered the prosecutor's office to join Pemex's investigation

into the accident, which he said could have turned into a major catastrophe if not for the quick thinking of emergency workers.

The president said the government will take measures to ensure that homes, businesses and factories in the north continue to receive gas after the accident.

The damaged plant receives natural gas from the Burgos basin and distributes the product to Pemex's gas and petrochemicals unit.

"We want to know exactly what happened, which is key to prevent this type of tragedy from happening again, particularly in such sensitive and strategic facilities for the country," Calderon said.

Witnesses said they heard at least two explosions before the fire broke out.

It was the third incident at a Pemex facility in a little over a month.

## Venezuela arrests FARC guerrilla wanted by Bogota

BOGOTA (AFP) - A FARC guerrilla linked to a foiled attempt to bomb a police headquarters in Bogota in May was killed in a shoot out in

Venezuela, Colombian officials said.

Freddy Rojas Rincon, known by the alias "Boiteaux," was captured in a hotel near

the Colombian border after he was wounded in a shootout with Venezuelan security forces, Colombian police said.

"He received medical attention but died hours later," said Colombian Defense Minister Juan Carlos Pinzon, adding that Colombian intelligence services had been pursuing Rojas.

Venezuela did not immediately report on the death, which came a day after Colombia's last major drug lord, Daniel "El Loco" Barrera, was taken into custody in Venezuela.

The police said Rojas was believed to be the "principal organizer" of a foiled attempt to detonate a car bomb outside of a police headquarters in the Colombian capital on May 15.

The bomb was deactivated before it exploded, but in another part of the city the same day a second bombing also attributed to the FARC ripped through a vehicle carrying a former interior minister, killing two bodyguards and wounding about 40 other people.



**Bouguenais : Patrick Bellanger (C), the father of Jeremie Bellanger, and his companion Cecile Blanloeil (3dL) chat with relatives as they came back from Bolivia yesterday at the Nantes' airport, western France. Jeremie Bellanger, 25, disappeared with his companion Fannie Blanco, 23, in the northeastern Amazonian town of Guayaramerin, on Bolivia's border with Brazil, on August 29, 2010. Fannie's daughter Bounty, 3, who accompanied the couple on their trip, was left with a landlady when her mother disappeared, in what many believe to be a double homicide that potentially involved sexual assault. Patrick Bellanger and relatives of the couple offered a \$10.000 reward for information on their fate. AFP PHOTO**



**MARIANO ROQUE ALONSO : A tree knocked down during a storm blocks the way to people walking by, in Mariano Alonso Roque, on September 19, 2012. A fierce storm packing winds up to 140 kilometers an hour blasted through the heart of South America early yesterday, killing five people in Paraguay and wreaking havoc in Argentina and Uruguay. In Paraguay's Roque Alonso suburb, devastated by the storm, four police cadets died when the roof of their dormitory collapsed, while 15 others were hurt. And a 16-year-old boy died at a shopping center in the town when a water tank collapsed on him outside a pharmacy. (AFP PHOTO)**



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## Health & Living

### West Nile virus claims first victim in Kosovo



PRISTINA (AFP) - A woman had died of the mosquito-borne West Nile virus in Kosovo as two more patients were suspected of being infected with the disease, a health official said on Wednesday.

The two suspected cases were being treated in hospital, said Naser Ramadani, head of Kosovo's Public Health Institute.

Earlier this month, three people died in the first ever outbreak of the West Nile virus in neighbouring Serbia, in which 35 contracted the disease.

First discovered in Uganda in 1937, the virus is carried by birds and spread to humans by mosquitoes.

It can cause symptoms similar to flu, but in extreme cases can result in fever, coma and a lethal swelling of the brain tissue, known as encephalitis. It can also cause meningitis.

There is no known cure for the disease but 80 percent of those infected will not develop any symptoms at all.

## In lab, drug-on-the-cob fights rare disease

PARIS (AFP) - Biologists in Canada have made a medical enzyme using genetically-engineered corn, a feat that could one day slash the cost of treating a life-threatening inherited disease, a journal reported.

Inserting a section of DNA code into maize seed caused them to make alpha-L-iduronidase in the endosperm, a nutritive tissue in the corn kernel.

Alpha-L-iduronidase breaks down sugar molecules and is deficient in people

with mucopolysaccharidosis I (MPS I).

This is a so-called lysosomal storage disorder, in which sugary debris builds up in cells, damaging tissue in the heart, eyes, skeleton and brain.

Without replacement enzymes, sufferers of MPS I often die in childhood.

Until now, the therapy has been produced by coaxing cultures of cells taken from the ovaries of Chinese hamsters, and is hugely expensive.

The existing drug for MPS I, laronidase (marketed as Aldurazyme) costs around \$300,000 annually for children and \$1 million for adults.

The research, led by Allison Kermode at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, British Columbia, is published in the journal Nature Communications.

The results amount to "proof of concept" for making the enzyme in laboratory conditions, the team say.

Further work would be needed to scale up volume, but this should not be too much of a problem and conventional techniques could be used, they add.

Severe MPS I occurs in approximately one in 100,000 newborns, according to the website Genetics Home Reference, which is supported by the US health authorities.

A milder form, called attenuated MPS I, occurs in about one in 500,000 births.

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## Sci-Tech

# Snake venom could unlock disease cures



SYDNEY (AFP) - Snakes are able to convert their venom back into harmless molecules according to new research published Wednesday that scientists said could have important implications for diseases like cancer.

The joint British-Australian study of venom and tissue gene sequences in snakes showed that venom not only evolved from regular cells but could be turned back into harmless proteins.

Gavin Huttley, from the Australian team, said it was the first time snakes' venom had been shown to evolve back into regular tissues and was a significant finding for the development of drugs for

conditions like cancer or diabetes.

Snake venom typically targets the same physiological pathways as many human diseases and Huttley said understanding how the venom molecule changed form could help scientists develop new drug cures.

Some snake venoms, for example, cause the cells that line blood vessels to separate and die, including the kinds that feed cancerous tumours, and Huttley said mapping how that worked could lead to more effective cancer treatments.

"It highlights that venom molecules, these things that actually kill us, in fact are just

derivatives of normal proteins," said Huttley, from the Australian National University.

"By studying the molecular events you get an idea about what it takes to make a protein to target those specific physiological functions," he told AFP.

Huttley described a snake's venom gland as "like a small drug company, running huge numbers of experiments on evolutionary timescales with new molecules and seeing what works".

The scientists had essentially "piggybacked" on the snake's internal research to try and map the amino acid changes involved in the evolution of regular cells into venom and back again, he said.

"This is proof-of-principle that an otherwise toxic molecule can be modified to provide benefit to an organism, supporting interest in exploring their pharmaceutical potential," said Huttley.

"It's just another tool in the arsenal to provide opportunities to target human diseases that we really want to fix."

The research was published in the latest edition of the journal *Nature Communications*.



Shoppers lining up at an Apple retail store in New York City, the device's official release Friday could break even more records. The Cupertino, Calif., company said demand for the phone quickly exceeded the initial supply, so although the majority of pre-orders will be delivered Friday, many will be delayed for shipment until October. The phone rolls out to 22 more countries Sept. 28.



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CAPE CANAVERAL (AFP) - US space shuttle Endeavour departed yesterday morning on its final voyage, heading cross-country from Florida to California, riding piggyback on a specially fitted Boeing 747. Endeavour, which flew more than 185 million kilometers (115 million miles) in its two-decade career, completed its final mission last year. The 747 transporting the shuttle made several flyovers in the area before heading west. It was also scheduled to fly over the Stennis Space Center in Mississippi and a factory in Louisiana where some of its parts were made. It will then spend the night at the Johnson Space Center in Houston before heading out to California today. The jet and the shuttle will conduct flyovers on Friday in California before landing in Los Angeles. After the space agency NASA brought an end to the 30-year shuttle program last year, major US cities battled for the right to house one of the craft. Enterprise, the prototype that never flew into space, is now on permanent display on the runway of the aircraft carrier Intrepid in New York. The Kennedy Space Center will keep Atlantis, and Discovery is on display at a museum outside Washington.



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## Twitter unveils new design, apps

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Twitter yesterday unveiled a series of design updates, a new app for the iPad and new versions of the application for

other mobile devices.

"Starting today you can make your presence on Twitter more meaningful with new Twitter profiles," the company blog said.

"Upload an all-new header photo on mobile apps for iPad, iPhone and Android or twitter.com, and the same image will appear whenever anyone views your profile on the web or these apps. You can upload your header photo, which appears above your Tweets, to express yourself instantly, anywhere."

Twitter's Jaikumar Ramanathan said one of the features is improved photo sharing.

"Photo streams for profiles display the images people have shared on Twitter," he wrote.

"Whenever you see a photo stream, swipe left or right through the thumbnails or tap to view photos in fullscreen mode. Android users can also get closer to photos with pinch-to-zoom."

Twitter, which allows its members to post brief comments, links or pictures, claims to have more than 140 million active users, with the largest number being in the United States.

A recent survey found one in seven Americans who go online use Twitter and eight percent do so every day.



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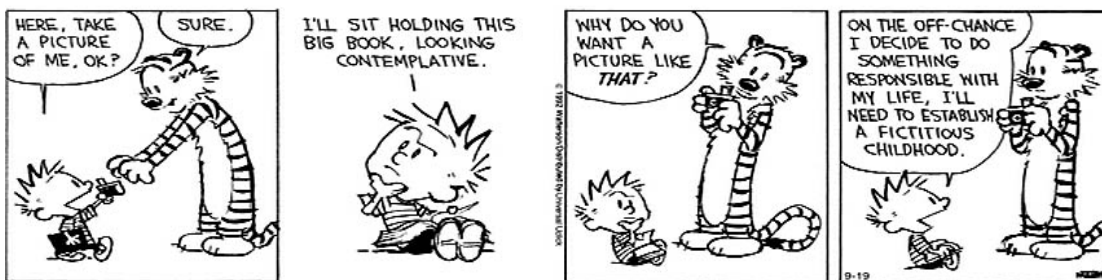
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21. Baylor University site
23. Librarian's backbreaker: abbr.
24. "Take \_\_\_ leave it!"
27. Canadian river
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36. Regal inits.
37. "Take Me \_\_\_"

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8. English class assignment
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18. Brightly-colored tropical fish
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26. Bird perch
28. Inning enders
29. Slingshot maker of the 1950s
30. With weapons
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35. He helped depose Farouk
38. Actress Rowlands et al.
41. Shade of blue
43. Musical sound
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## US housing market recovery gains traction

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The recovery in the US housing market continues to gain traction, data released yesterday showed, a key improvement in the struggling economy just seven weeks before the presidential election.

With the economy dominating a tight race between President Barack Obama and Republican rival Mitt Romney ahead of the November 6 vote, signs of life are welcome in the housing sector, where millions of Americans have tied up their savings.

A pair of August housing data releases yesterday further cemented the rough road back from a 2006 price bubble, analysts said.

Existing home sales jumped 7.8 percent from July, the high-

est pace since May 2010, and were up 9.3 percent from a year ago, and prices increased the most in more than six years, the National Association of Realtors said.

The median price for all housing types, including single-family homes, apartments and townhouses, rose to \$187,400 in August, up 9.5 percent from a year ago, the NAR said.

That was the strongest year-on-year price increase since January 2006, just before the market collapse that drove the world's biggest economy into the severe 2008-2009 recession.

"The US housing recovery is for real," said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Ca-

pital Markets.

"Great affordability, pent-up demand and strong investor interest in rental units are driving the market, and QE3 can only help by reducing mortgage rates further."

A separate report from the Commerce Department showed housing starts rose 2.3 percent from July, and were up 29.1 percent from the August 2011 rate.

Starts on single-family homes, the largest segment of the market, jumped 5.5 percent.

New building permits, an indicator of future homebuilding, fell 1.0 but were 24.5 percent higher than a year ago, the department said.

## Official: Greece bailout talks over 2-3 billion euros

ATHENS (AFP) - Marathon negotiations between Greece and its EU-IMF creditors had narrowed down to budget cuts of two billion to three billion euros, a senior ministry official said yesterday.

According to the source, the troika has accepted Greek measures "worth 8.5 to 9.5 billion" out of a 11.5 billion euro (\$15 billion) austerity package that Greece has

agreed to push through in order to unblock a 31.5 billion euro loan slice the country needs to stay afloat.

The Greek government of conservative Prime Minister Antonis Samaras is negotiating public spending cuts with the troika of international lenders -- the European Union, International Monetary Fund and European Central Bank.




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Switzerland	CHF	191.30	192.02	192.82
Netherlands	EUR	229.48	231.57	233.90
Sweden	SEK	26.19	26.91	27.71
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## Finance

### Germany says Portugal's economic reforms 'encouraging'

BERLIN (AFP) - German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble said yesterday that the results of Portugal's crisis-fighting economic reforms were "encouraging" after talks with his Portuguese counterpart.

"The Portuguese economic adjustment is proving to be a demanding and painful process, calling for heavy sacrifices from the people, but the results are encouraging," a joint statement said.

The reform program is also taking place "faster than expected", it noted after Schäuble's talks with Portuguese Finance Minister Vitor Gaspar.

"Competitiveness is improving, government expenditures are now under control

and the structural budget deficit has declined significantly," the statement said.

Germany reaffirmed its confidence in Portugal and "strongly encourages the Portuguese authorities to continue addressing challenges and implementing policy conditionality", it said.

Portugal, which is under an EU-IMF bailout program, passed a key test of investor confidence yesterday with a successful bond auction, raising 2.0 billion euros (\$2.6 billion) at sharply lower interest rates.

It was the first auction since the country won an extra year from its lenders to bring its public deficit down to three percent of output.



Argentina, led by President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, reported 8.9pc GDP growth in 2011 but independent analysts maintain the government overstated that number. The International Monetary Fund has warned it could take "additional steps" against Argentina for repeatedly failing to provide accurate inflation and economic data. The IMF's executive board, including managing-director Christine Lagarde, agreed that Argentina had failed to "address the quality of the official data reported to the Fund" and warned that there could be repercussions.

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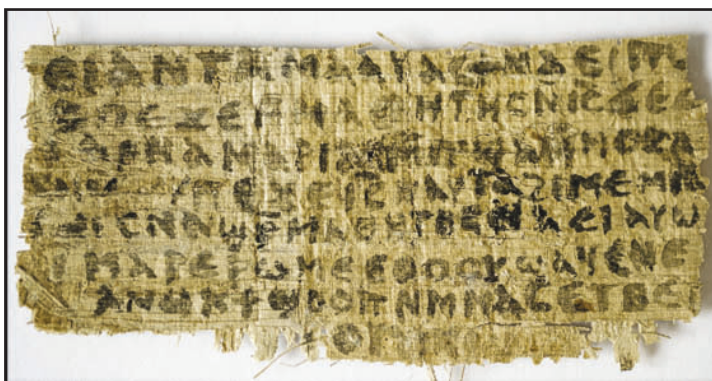
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## Early Christians believed Jesus wed: Harvard expert



WASHINGTON (AFP) - Some early Christians believed Jesus himself wed, a Harvard professor told the 10th International Congress of Coptic Studies, the Harvard Gazette reported.

Professor Karen King, who teaches at Harvard Divinity School, announced the existence of an ancient Coptic text on papyrus including the words: "Jesus said to them, my

wife."

"Christian tradition has long held that Jesus was not married, even though no reliable historical evidence exists to support that claim," she told the congress in Rome.

"From the very beginning, Christians disagreed about whether it was better not to marry, but it was over a century after Jesus' death before they began appealing to Jesus'

marital status to support their positions," she added.

The reference to an earthly partner for Christ is definitely not in line with what many Christians believe, but those common beliefs are undocumented, King stressed.

The words, written in Coptic, a language of Egyptian Christians, are on a papyrus fragment of about one and a half inches by three inches (3.8 centimeters to 7.6 centimeters), it said.

While several experts agree the yellowish brown papyrus is authentic, "final judgment on the fragment depends on further examination by colleagues and further testing, especially of the chemical composition of the ink," according to King.

## Europe's youths hooked on fashion



PARIS (AFP) - They share a passion for clothes, are ready to spend big on their looks -- both boys and girls -- and they all dress the same, a study on European youths and fashion revealed.

The French Fashion Institute this summer surveyed 1,523 high school and university students aged 15-25 in France, Italy, Britain, Germany and Spain, publishing their findings at the Premiere Vision textile trade show.

Across Europe, it found the youths -- half boys, half girls -- to spend more than any other age group on fashion, with budgets steady despite the economic downturn.

Young men spent as much as their women counterparts, in sharp contrast to men over 45, whose clothes budget radically tailed off.

Fashion was considered a budget priority on a par with food, socialising with friends and mobile phones.

All said they received varying degrees of help from their parents to buy clothes, up until

they enter the job market which happens earliest in Britain, and latest in Italy where many live at home well into their 20s.

Where do they shop? Mostly in high street chains -- Zara, H&M or Topshop -- ahead of the Internet, department stores and independent retailers. Hardly at all in second-hand or vintage stores.

"These youths see fashion was a way of expressing themselves," said Patricia Romatet, co-author of the study.

"It's part of their social life, fashion is fun, something you do with friends -- especially for girls, and especially in cities."

Yet while youths typically pride themselves on their savvy style, 82 percent simply buy the same brands as their friends.



# Spend a fun evening with friends at Barney's



A place where you feel like you are with friends

A few months ago, Palm Beach welcomed a cozy new place that offers good food, great prices and a uniquely warm, welcoming ambiance that makes patrons feel as if they are visiting with friends rather than just eating out. Even the name, "Barney's", which was inspired by Barney Rubble of the Flintstones, is an expression of the good humor of its owners and your hosts, Ron and Elina.

Ron and Elina have a very congenial division of labor; he enjoys being bartender and playing around with his "cocktail of the day" while she sees to it that everyone is well satisfied with their meal. Chef Jan is in the kitchen doing his magic; patrons praise their spicy Firecracker Shrimp appetizer and mush-



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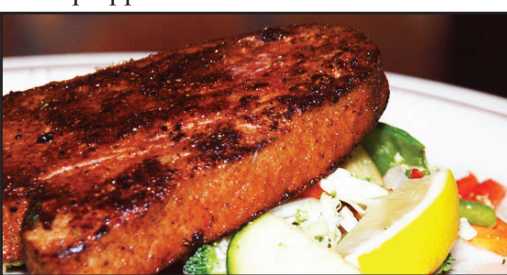
Own Barney Burger" using specially imported organic beef from Holland, guaranteed to have been raised without steroids or antibiotics, only \$9.50 with fries and coleslaw. Patrons are handed a special hamburger checklist, which features a full menu of toppings, sauces and cheeses to customize your order to create the ideal burger. One can also opt for a second or third hamburger patty for a very nominal cost.

High end items on the menu, such as the Seafood Pasta, are only \$20.50. They also have a kid's menu with favorites such as a Kid's Burger, chicken fingers and Mac & Cheese; most items are only \$4. One regular described the place as particu-

larly "kid-friendly," with Elina, a mother herself, having devised a number of methods to keep young ones entertained. The menu has a range to please patrons who are in the mood for something simple while other can be indulgent gourmands.

Tuesday through Saturday evenings they have specialty nights at bargain rates. Tuesday is Schnitzel Night, with a choice of chicken or pork schnitzel prepared any of five ways, a platter with salad and side dish is \$17.50. Wednesday is "All you can eat grouper, prepared any of five ways, with veggies and side dish, \$19.50. Thursday they do it again with unlimited ribs done three ways for \$17.50 with salad, slaw and fries, Saturday means endless rib eye steak with salad and fries for \$19.50. Friday evening ends the work week with Karaoke Night, a convivial and fun evening when islanders kick back and let loose their inner rock star.

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## Football: Messi saves Barcelona against Spartak



BARCELONA (AFP) - Lionel Messi came to the rescue with a late double to earn Barcelona a 3-2 victory over Group G opponents Spartak Moscow on Wednesday as the Catalans stuttered in the opening match of their Champions League campaign.

Barca are aiming for their third Champions League trophy in five years but could have had their first home defeat in the competition in nearly three years when Romulo gave the visitors the lead on the hour mark.

The hosts have made a blistering start in La Liga with four straight wins and went ahead early on through Cristian Tello, but an own-goal from Dani Alves after 29 minutes brought Spartak back into the contest.

Barca were enjoying the vast

majority of the play but Romulo's second-half goal left them staring at potentially their first loss at the Camp Nou since another Russian club, Rubin Kazan, won here in 2009.

Messi, though, put their European ambitions back on track with two poacher's goals inside the last 20 minutes.

Spartak's Spanish coach Unai Emery had never beaten Barcelona during his time in charge of Almeria or Valencia and it was always likely to be a severe test as his new charges arrived in the Catalan capital.

However, if they were looking for any weaknesses then the Barca backline has not looked particularly comfortable of late and they were missing two integral parts in Carles Puyol and Jordi Alba.

Spartak's game plan, to defend deeply, was clear from the start, but inviting Barca to attack can be a dangerous tactic at the Camp Nou as they invariably find a way through.

Tello should have given the home side the lead after 10 minutes but he scooped his shot round the post following a delightful through ball from Messi.

While Barca were dominating, their situation deteriorated at the back as Gerard Pique had to go off a couple of minutes later having injured his leg while shooting and Alex Song was forced to step into the defence.

A physical Spartak side had a distinct height advantage but

it mattered little while they ball was at the other end, and Tello made up for his earlier miss with a fine shot from the edge of the area to give Barca the lead.

The youngster stepped inside Kirill Kombarov before slotting past 'keeper Andriy Dykan and into the far corner.

Tito Vilanova's men looked comfortable at that point, but Spartak drew level from a rare breakaway, Emmanuel Emenike making a marauding run down the right before seeing his harmless pass steered into his own goal by Dani Alves on the back foot.

Barca once again went on the offensive and Spartak were left hanging on against waves of attacks, with Sergio Busquets coming within a whisker of scoring with a header which he glanced wide from a corner.

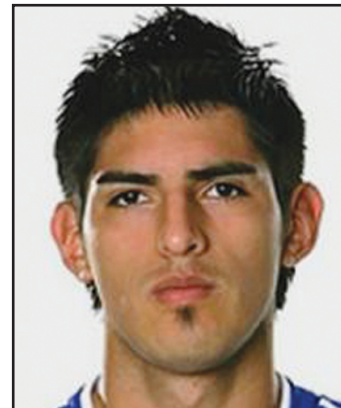
After the restart the intensity dropped out of Barca's play and the game began to open up.

Messi forced a good save out of Dykan at one end and then Spartak stole into the lead as Aidan McGeady supplied the Brazilian Romulo, who finished clinically into the corner.

Vilanova took off Alves and switched to a three-man defence as they looked to get back in the game and Messi once again proved to be the difference.

He first knocked in a Tello pass from close range on 71 minutes and then headed home an Alexis Sanchez cross with ten minutes to go.

## Peru's Zambrano denies Messi insults



BERLIN (AFP) - Peru defender Carlos Zambrano on Wednesday denied insulting Argentina's Lionel Messi during the two countries' World Cup 2014 qualifier last week.

In an open letter on the website of his club, Eintracht Frankfurt, Zambrano said: "After my match with the Peruvian national team against Argentina, articles appeared in the press saying that I had mocked

and insulted Lionel Messi and Gonzalo Higuain. Which is false."

"Those who know me know that I have always respected my opponents," added Zambrano, who said that players like Messi and Higuain "deserve the utmost respect and recognition" for "all of the great things they have done in their careers".

After the match against Argentina, several media outlets reported that Zambrano had accused Messi and Higuain of "complaining about everything -- they are like a couple of little girls".

Zambrano scored Peru's goal in the 1-1 draw in Lima, with Real Madrid striker Higuain equalising for Argentina.

The 23-year-old Zambrano, who has been in Germany since joining Schalke in 2006, moved to Eintracht after their promotion to the Bundesliga last season.

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## Cricket: India beat Afghanistan in World Twenty20



COLOMBO (AFP) - India defeated Afghanistan by 23 runs in their group A match at the World Twenty20 in Colombo on Wednesday.

India scored 159-5 after being sent in to bat and then

bowled out Afghanistan for 136 with three balls to spare at the Premadasa stadium.

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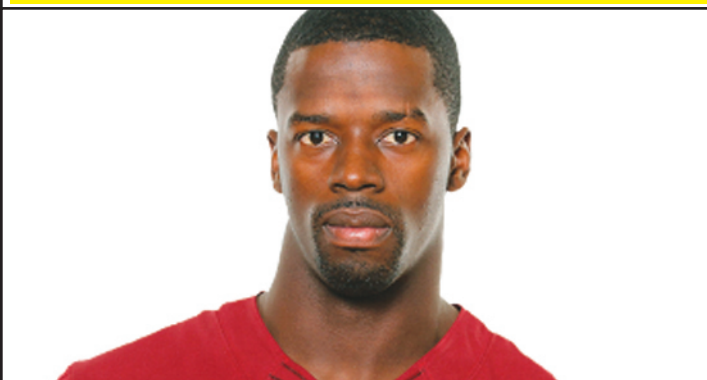
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## Redskins' Joshua Morgan receiving death threats



ASHBURN - Washington Redskins receiver Joshua Morgan yesterday talked about the death threats and other venomous message on Twitter he received because of his fourth-quarter blunder in the loss to the St. Louis Rams. The penalty cost the Redskins valuable field position during the team's final drive in Sunday's 31-28 defeat. With 1:19 left in the fourth quarter Sunday, Morgan caught a pass and was tackled by Rams defensive back Cortland Finnegan. When he got up, Finnegan shoved Morgan in the face, and the Redskins receiver retaliated by throwing the ball at Finnegan and was given the 15-yard penalty, ultimately pushing the Redskins out of field goal range. Morgan brushed off the threats and the only thing he takes seriously "is football and my family and nothing really scares me. I'm from D.C."

## MLB:



SEATTLE: Nate McLouth #9 of the Baltimore Orioles is congratulated by Matt Wieters #32 and Adam Jones #10 after scoring in the eighteenth inning against the Seattle Mariners. Baltimore Orioles defeated the Seattle Mariners 4-2 in the eighteenth innings.

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